

HOUSE FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT #1

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2379*

House Bill No. 2364

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Clerk _____

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. (a) The general assembly finds that Tennesseans are increasingly concerned that mothers and newborns receive proper medical care prior to hospital discharge. The general assembly further finds that the lack of proper medical care jeopardizes the health, safety and well-being of such mothers and newborns and may result in serious, costly repercussions not only for such mothers and newborns but also for the entire state. The general assembly, therefore, finds and declares the existence of an immediate and substantial threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The general assembly hereby acknowledges and endorses the recently promulgated emergency rules of the department of finance and administration and the department of commerce and insurance to timely address these important concerns.

(b) In accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, the department of commerce and insurance and the department of finance and administration are authorized to promulgate permanent rules establishing minimum standards of coverage for maternity benefits offered by insurers. Such rules will establish standards sufficient to protect and promote the health, safety and well-being of both and the post-partum mothers and her newborn and recognize the relationship between the mother and physician.

Section _____. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.